



## **Champaign, Illinois, Manufactured Gas Plant Site Project Update – March 2008**

The Ameren Illinois Utilities are committed to keeping you fully informed regarding the ongoing environmental work at the site of the former manufactured gas plant, 308 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. at the intersection with Hill Street, Champaign.

To bring you up to date, On Nov. 19, 2007, we met with city of Champaign officials, representatives of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and community representatives to discuss past site investigation work and our plans for an off-site investigation.

On Jan. 11, 2008, we canvassed the neighborhood surrounding the site to distribute our latest Fact Sheet and invite neighbors to a Project Open House. The Open House was held at the Salem Baptist on Jan. 14, 2008. Several neighbors, community representatives and news reporters attended the Open House.

On Feb. 14, 2008, we submitted our off-site investigation work plan to the IEPA. The purpose of this work is to define the outer limits of contamination from the MGP site. As with other documents, the plan was provided to the IEPA, the Illinois Department of Public Health and was placed on file in the site information repositories at the Douglass Branch of the Champaign Public Library and Champaign City Hall. The IEPA and the USEPA commented on the plan on March 5, 2008. We submitted a revised work plan and responses to comments on March 14, 2008. The revised work plan has been approved by the IEPA and USEPA. We anticipate beginning the off-site investigation work the week of March 31, 2008.

Meanwhile, we have completed the sampling of a basement sump as requested by a neighboring home owner. No contaminants were found in the sump.

In early June, we will hold an open house at which time we will discuss the results of the off-site investigation, answer questions and discuss future work, including the clean up of this site to meet IEPA standards.

Ameren is committed to open communication with those interested in the project. We have placed a collection of documents associated with the project in a **Site Information Repository** located at the Douglass Branch of the Champaign Public Library at 504 E. Grove Street. The telephone number of the library is 217-403-2090. Library hours are Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

The Champaign City Building, located at 102 N. Neil Street, is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays, unless otherwise posted. The report and fact sheets may be reviewed at the Information Desk located in the Atrium Lobby. If you have questions or the desk is temporarily un-staffed you may inquire at the Neighborhood Service Department in the same building or call 217-403-7070.

Additional inquiries about the project can be made by calling Mr. Leigh Morris with Ameren at 217-535-5228 or by e-mail at [lmorris@ameren.com](mailto:lmorris@ameren.com).

Inquires regarding Illinois EPA's oversight of this project can be made by contacting Stan Black at 217-785-1427 or by e-mail at [stan.black@illinois.gov](mailto:stan.black@illinois.gov) His mailing address is Office of Community Relations, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.